

Africa's Towering Watusis Face Threat Of Annihilation

Washington—For centuries, Africa's stubby Bahutus thought their seven-foot masters were gods. Now they are killing the Watusis.

The carnage results from a power struggle in the new Republic of Rwanda in central Africa. By virtue of a 9-to-1 population majority, Bahutus assumed control after the nation received independence from United Nations trusteeship in 1962. They have driven out many of their old masters.

Recently, however, Watusi warriors raided the frontier, and Bahutus retaliated by massacring thousands of Watusi families still living in Rwanda.

WATUSI CONTROL SUN

Bahutu fear and hatred of the Watusi is an old story in Rwanda, the National Geographic Society says. Three or four centuries ago, Watusis wandered southward, perhaps from Ethiopia or Egypt. Driving herds of lyre-horned cattle, they settled along the green mountain slopes of Rwanda. Indigenous Bahutus working in the fields thought the six- and seven-foot-tall giants were of divine origin and privilege.

The Watusis claimed they were sent from heaven to rule—not work. They never ate in public and lived, legend says, only on beer and milk. Their king or Mwami, "the absolute Lord Ever Just," had to rise with the sun lest he keep the sun waiting and the world in darkness.

But Mwamis personally moved with the times. The 20th century god-kings wore fashionable sports clothes, played tennis, even drove American cars specially built for their long legs.

Under Watusi rule, the economy of Rwanda was a kind of cattle feudalism. Hapless Bahutu were forbidden to own or kill cattle. They ate beef only when an animal died of natural causes.

A Watusi's wealth, prestige, and political position depended on the size of his herd. Every cow was regarded as a sister in his family. On special occasions, the cow's horns were polished, pearls strung around its neck, and ribbons threaded through the tail.

"O cow," says a Watusi poem, "thou sparest me the shame

and weariness of the hoe." Thanks to the hard-working Bahutu peasants, the Watusis could devote ample time to spear throwing, dancing, and high jumping. Dressed in leopard-skin skirts, ankle bells, and plumed headdresses, they whirled to the music of elephant-tusk horns and booming drums. Some of the tallest warriors reportedly could jump more than seven feet from the ground. It wasn't often mentioned by dazzled reporters—that the Watusis often took off from foot-high termite mounds. Incidentally, though "Watusi" is the popular Swahili form, the correct name for the tribe is "Batutsi."

CROWDED COUNTRY

In 1894, the German explorer Count G. A. Von Gotzen was so

School Menus

John Graham and Macon Jr. High Menus, March 16-20

Monday-Barbecue, cole slaw, buttered potatoes, hush puppies, apple sauce, milk, butter.

Tuesday - Meat loaf, rice, gravy, turnip greens, hot rolls, cake, milk, butter.

Wednesday - Ham, grits, string beans, sweet potato fluff, milk, butter, biscuits.

Thursday-Chicken salad on lettuce, tomatoes, toasted cheese sandwich, banana pudding.

Friday-Weiners, cole slaw, navy beans, apple pie with cheese, milk, butter

MARIAM BOYD MENUS

Monday-Barbecue, cole slaw, green beans, cornbread or hush puppies, butter, pineapple rice cream, milk.

Tuesday-Meat loaf, tomato sauce, buttered cabbage, corn, rolls, pear salad, milk.

Wednesday-Turkey salad on lettuce, carrot sticks, buttered peas, biscuits, sweet potato pie, milk.

Thursday - Vegetable soup with beef, toasted 1/2 cheese-pimento sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, banana pudding, milk.

Friday-Weiners, rolls, navy beans, cole slaw, apple sauce, milk.

NORLINA MENUS

Monday - Hot dogs, navy beans, cole slaw, sliced toma-

Impressed with the dancing Watusis that he claimed Rwanda and Urundi as part of the German colony of Tanganyika. The Belgians took over in World War I and continued to rule under United Nations trusteeship until 1962 when the two-in-one state was split into two independent nations.

Rwanda's red, yellow, and green flag flies over 10,169 square miles of scenic lake-and-mountain country jam-packed with some 2,700,000 natives, of whom 85 percent are Bahutus. The people of Rwanda live in thatch-roof shambas and till scattered plots of coffee, cotton, bananas, and sweet potatoes.

The undeveloped nation has no known mineral resources, no railroad, and less than a mile of paved road.

LITTLETON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Young and children of Williamsburg, Va., were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Young, and also visited his sister, Mrs. Willie Felts.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Johnston and children of Vaughan were weekend guests of Mrs. Nellie Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lou King and children of Arcola were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Dickens.

Mr. Whit Nelson of Emporia, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bobbitt on Saturday.

Mr. Whitman Shearin of Franklinton spent the weekend here with his mother, Mrs. Sarah Shearin.

Mrs. Lewis Cooke has returned to her home after spending

toes, peach half, buns, milk. Tuesday - Meat loaf, grits, buttered corn, fruit Jello, cookie, hot rolls, butter, milk.

Wednesday - Chicken pot pie, green peas, tomato juice, pear salad, hot rolls, butter, milk.

Thursday - Ham, macaroni and cheese, carrot and cabbage slaw, green beans, cookie, biscuits, butter, milk.

Friday-Fried chicken, baked sweet potato, jelled fruit salad, hot rolls, butter, milk.



MISS JEANNE POPE.

whose engagement to Howard Reginald Munday of Greensboro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hodges Munday of Troutman, is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parker Pope of Macon. An August wedding is planned.

ing sometime in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Russell Burnette in Halifax, recuperating after a stay in Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Miss Betty Jean West of Peace College, Raleigh, spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert West.

PFC Joseph E. Stansbury, Jr., PFC Ronald J. Vioria and PFC Tommy D. Dodson of Air Force Wing Marine Corp. Cherry Point, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stansbury.

Charlie Sewell of Murfreesboro spent Sunday night with Maynard Bobbitt.

S/Sgt. William F. Walker of Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D. C., spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Walker.

Mrs. Maurice Pinnell and son Willis, visited Mr. Pinnell in Veterans Hospital, Durham, on Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Johnston visited Mr. and Mrs. Major Pope Powell in Warrenton on Wednesday.

Mr. Horace Moore of State College, Raleigh, spent the weekend here.

Adolphus Bell spent the weekend in Washington, D. C., with Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Fermia.

Mrs. Viola Etheridge is spending sometime with her mother, Mrs. R. H. Norward, in New Bern.

Miss Viola Bobbitt, Maynard Bobbitt and Charlie Sewell were

Sunday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Riggan.

Mrs. Paul Bobbitt and son are spending sometime in Greenville, S. C., with her sister, Mrs. Mabel McWhite.

Mrs. W. C. Jones, Jr., is a patient in Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Afton News

Mrs. Blanche Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burroughs, Mrs. B. L. Reavis, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hicks and Mel, Mrs. J. K. Pinnell and Miss Helen Rose Andrews were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Wynn and Mr. Earl Wynn in South Hill, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. John Felts, Mr. Jack Felts and Miss Lula Belle Fuller visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Puryear and sons in Boydton, Va., on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Andrews, Misses Helen Rose Andrews and Betsy Frazier were in Roanoke Rapids on Saturday.

Mrs. W. J. Pinnell, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Paynter, Messrs. W. T. Pinnell, E. B. Rideout and Macey Paynter visited Mr. Maurice Pinnell in Veterans Hospital, Durham, during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crowder of South Hill, Va., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Limer and Mr. Jimmy Limer on Sunday. Mesdames

Ed Edwards and Dalton Edwards visited the Limer family on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. James H. Limer was in Raleigh on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rooker of Henderson visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Oberby on Wednesday evening.

Mr. O. M. Limer visited Mr. R. E. Limer, Sr., who is a patient at Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. C. Reavis of Angier and Mrs. Kaye Roberson of Henderson visited Mrs. Ada O'Brien on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pinnell visited Mrs. Laura Smith in Littleton on Monday. Mrs. Smith returned home with them for several days and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Limer.

Hilliard Receives Plaque From SA

N. M. Hilliard, Rose's manager, and chairman of the Warren County Service Unit, has received a plaque in appreciation of his services to the Salvation Army.

The presentation was made last Friday night at a supper meeting of the Salvation Army.

Mrs. J. K. Pinnell returned home on Friday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Kelly, Sr., in Garner. Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Pinnell were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert House and family in Danville, Va., last Tuesday night.

advisory board held at Henderson Steak House for the installation of new officers. The plaque was presented to Hilliard by Lieutenant Edwards, commander of the local unit.

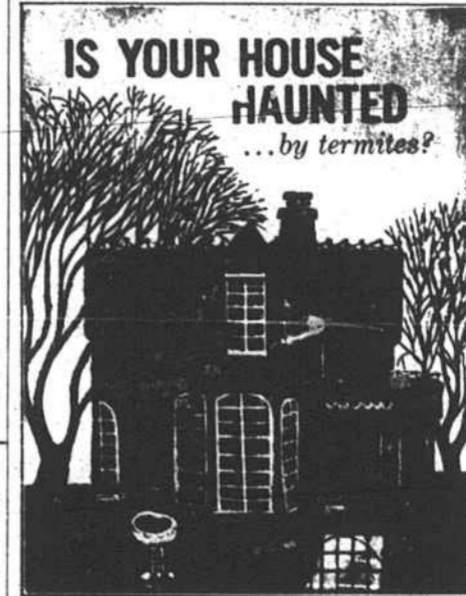
Captain C. J. Richard of the Charlotte divisional headquarters installed the new board chairmen and new officers.

STRANGLE HOLD

A woman passenger had boarded the crowded bus after the lights had gone out. A tall man standing near her asked if he could help her find a strap.

"No, thank you," she replied. "I have already found one."

"Then I wonder if you would mind letting go of my necktie."

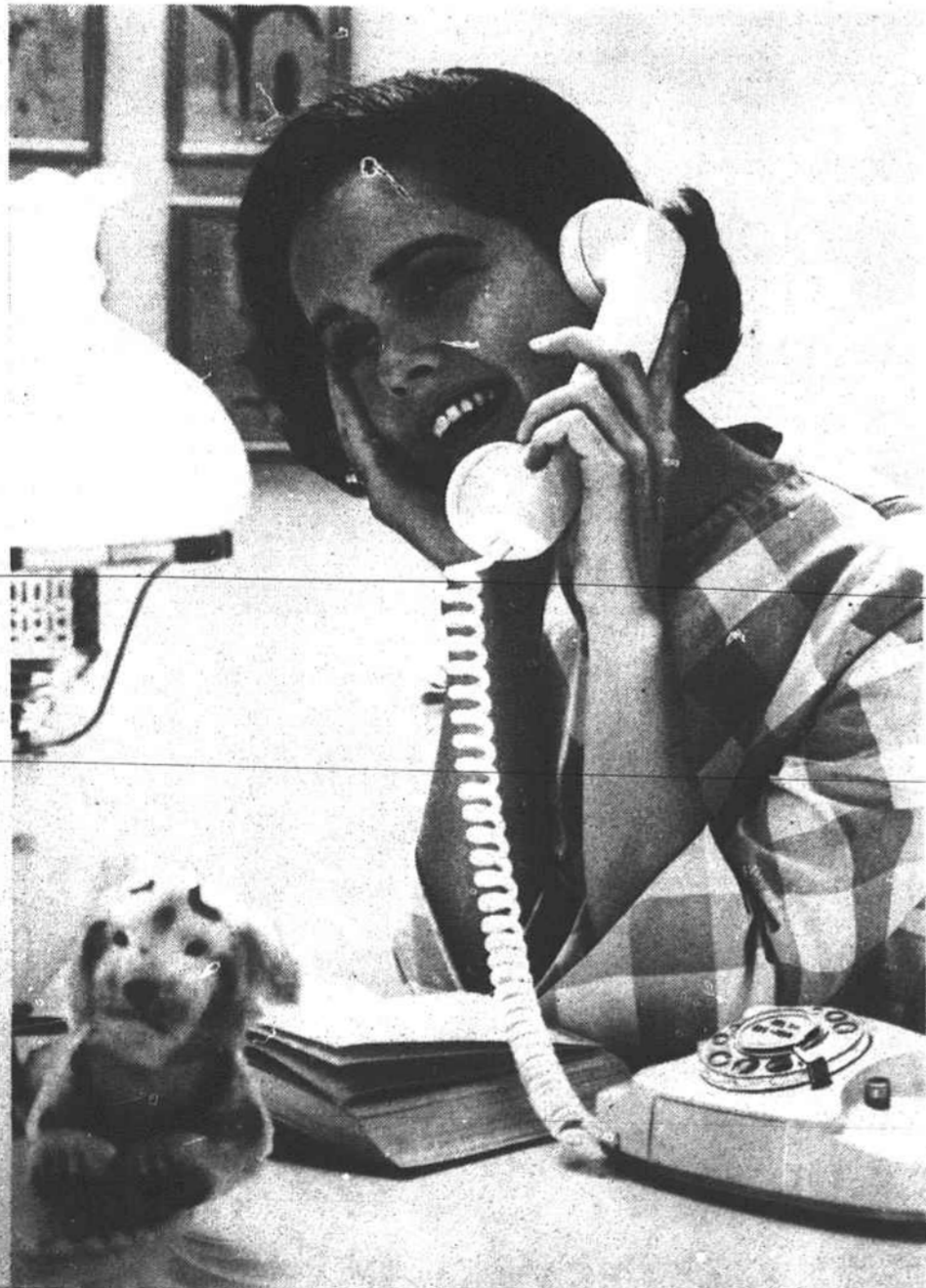


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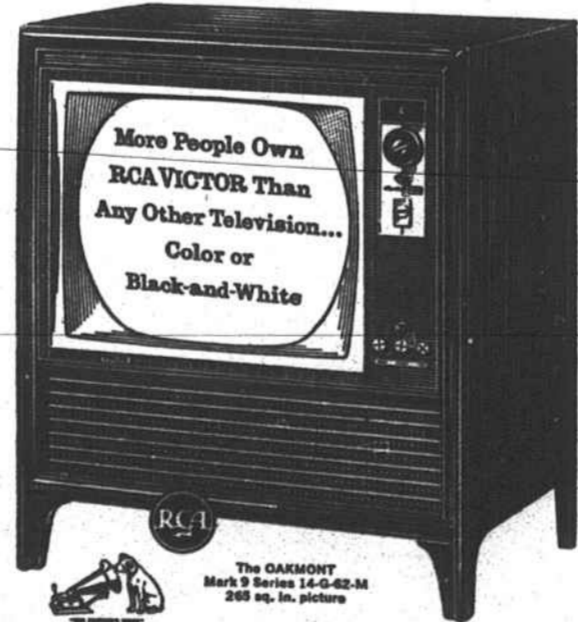


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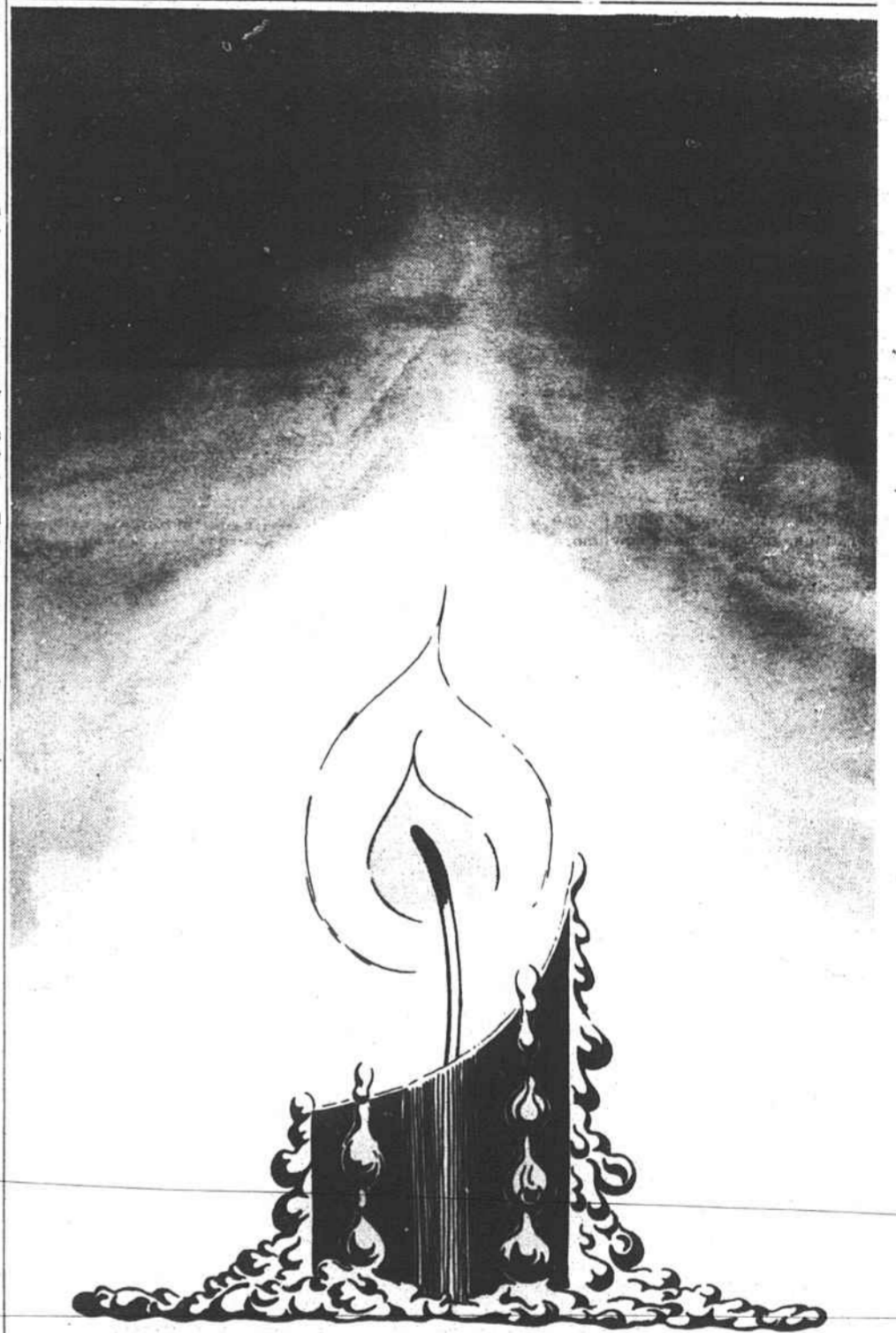


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